

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

October 16, 2008

**DRAFT
MINUTES**

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

City Administration Building
202 C Street
Committee Room, 12th Floor
San Diego, California 92101

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Members Present

Wilbur Smith, Chair
Ginny Barnes
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
Vicki Granowitz
Norman Greene
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds
Michael Stepner

Members Absent

Roz King
Dan Mazzella
Evonne Schulze

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Clay Bingham
Gary D. Jones
Alex Ruiz
Kimberly Davies
Patti Phillips
Charlie Daniels
Cathy Anzuoni
Jo-Ann Novak

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell /Ms. Barnes

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Barnes to approve the September 18, 2008 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with Mr. Stepner abstaining.

Mr. Stepner suggested scheduling a workshop to discuss planning and design standards. Mr. Smith will work with staff to set-up as agenda item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I

- Ms. Barnes reported it was a good meeting and the committee continues to have discussions on their roles and functions.

Area Committee Community Parks II

- Ms. Puentes-Reynolds thanked Ms. LoMedico and Ms. Christy Haupt for their continued support.
- She thanked Ginny Barnes for helping with historical information on the tax exempt status requirement. A major portion of the recreation council committee members have completed their requests to become a tax exempt organization.

- Ms. Puentes-Reynolds noted the differences between Community Parks I and Community Parks II area facilities and structure of recreation councils. These differences include: demographics; income levels; age of community and have an impact on obtaining non-profit status.
- Ms. Barnes provided clarification regarding the tax exempt requirements by stating the Federal Government requires recreation councils to pay tax on income or use the 501C3 process so they don't have to pay taxes. This requires the recreation councils to be legally responsible for their income. Recreation councils may form a coalition.
- Ms. Puentes-Reynolds requested an update on Board Policies, Downtown Parks, and Logan Heights.

Balboa Park Committee

- Ms. Granowitz reported on the continuation of the Balboa Park Study and the three sub committees. She received funding to hire a consultant to assist in the writing of the final report of the Study.
- The Committee approved the Old Globe Theatre Campus Signage and Donor Recognition Program.
- San Diego Museum of Art trying to find a location for a public art display.
- Committee is requesting that the TeT Festival include a parking management and transportation plan in their application for next year.

Design Review Committee

- Mr. Smith reported that the committee met last week and approved the Old Globe Theatre Campus Signage and Donor Recognition Program.

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report

Mission Bay Park Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported on the October 7, 2008 meeting.
- The Police Department has been providing the committee with mapping of crimes within the park, which has been very helpful.
- Received an analysis from Keith Merkel of Merkel and Associates on the unidentified material floating in Mission Bay. This material turned out to be a by-product of decaying sea sponges and is completely organic.
- Ms. LoMedico accepted the recommendation to change the noise ordinance for charitable and non-profit groups so they may have amplified music in specific areas in Mission Bay Park.
- Mr. Gary D. Jones of Real Estate Assets Department provided a report on Council Policy 700-100 the sale and leasing of City owned property. Work to begin on Council Policy 700-8 regarding Mission Bay Park sub-contracts. The committee thanked Mr. Jones for the quick responses, regular updates, and the over all outstanding working relationship with Real Estate Assets Department.
- Mr. Jones to provide Ms. Novak with the updated expired leases in the park.
- Fiesta Island Dog Owners (F.I.D.O.) requested an additional revision to the General Development Plan.
- Ms. Kathleen Hasenauer provided a factual Proposition C.
- San Diego Beach Improvement Group (BIG) generates funds to help the community with items like volleyball nets and benches.
- Mr. Bussell reported on three events: Bay to Bay - October 11, 2008; Fiesta Island Time Trail - October 12, 2008; and Triathlon - October 18, 2008.
- Committee concerned that the State will no longer do water quality testing at Mission Beach due to lack of funds.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee

- Ms. Barnes provided the first committee report for the October 16, 2008 meeting on the behalf Mr. Stepner who will provide all future reports. Staff provided an overview of the history of Torrey Pines, information on the project and a consultant was selected. The committee reviewed Robert Rules of Order, Brown Act and how the meetings will operate.
- The next meeting is tonight.
- The committee is changing the meeting location to the Forum at University Town Center due to it being a larger room, ample parking, and it is located close to the interstate.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – Ms. LoMedico stated that the Park and Recreation Department would like to pull Action Item 103 and place it on November agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.) – Mr. Kuczewski spoke on his concerns for being suspended from Torrey Pines Glider Port. Mr. Kuczewski would like a written response why Mr. Beardsley and he are not allowed on that property. Ms. Davis stated again that this was an operational response beyond the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Board. Ms. LoMedico will re-discuss this issue with other City departments and the City Attorney's Office.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico apologized for leaving at 3:00 p.m. today for a meeting with the Chief Operating Officer and will have Mr. Bingham sit-in for her.
- The Board should have received Mayor Jerry Sander's memorandum dated October 14, 2008 regarding the projected Fiscal Year 2009 budget deficit.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst Report on the subject of Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Status and Plan of Action (IBA Report Number: 08-107).
- Departments have been requested to turn in 10 % reductions for the current year by next week to be evaluated by Financial Management and the Mayor's Office. A report should be issued on November 5, 2008. These are permanent reductions and will be heard at Budget Committee at 9:00 a.m. on November 12 and then go to the City Council on November 17 or 18 for discussion and action by the City Council. Departments are not to look at one time reductions. Directors are suppose to look at those that can be reduced programmatically. Currently, Ms. LoMedico has Conversations with the Director and have meetings scheduled with all levels of management to occur by the end of the month. These proposed 10% do not include Fiscal Year 10 projections. At the five year outlook the current budget fund is an increase of 40 to 50 million dollar due to our citywide needs. Ms. LoMedico will ensure once the item is on agenda and the report is issued that the Board will receive this information.

Ms. Barnes asked what is going on with Managed Competition. Ms. LoMedico stated the Unions filed a law suit over the negotiation of Managed Competition. The Court ruled that the complaint was valid, and everything related to the negotiations including all the Meet and Confers, and conversations regarding Managed Competition have been eliminated. The City is basically starting over. However, the City is still moving forward on the Business Processing Re-Engineering (BPR).

Ms. Barnes stated that Fiesta Island Dog Owners (F.I.D.O.) is not satisfied with the Fiesta Island Plan and ask at what point and time does a particular user group that is not satisfied have to pay for extended consultant services for a plan that has been approved? Ms. LoMedico stated that the Park and Recreation Department approved the reviewing of this plan. She stated it was a reasonable request and when this plan goes before City Council there will be an amount for the current plan and an amount for the revision. Ms. LoMedico will notify Park and Recreation Board when this item goes before the City Council. Mr. Smith and Mr. Bussell also expressed concerns about this new development and agree with Ms. Barnes and the Design Review Committee did a thorough analysis of this plan.

Ms. Barnes recommended that this issue of fees and cost be part of a workshop item. Ms. Barnes would like to look at all special activities from outside groups to be fully cost recovery.

Ms. Granowitz would like to include Adoption of Agenda on all future agendas.

Consent At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as "Consent" items. – Action Item 101. Naming of Batting Cage at University Gardens Neighborhood Park in Honor of Andy Harrison by Cathy Anzuoni, District Manager, Park and Recreation Department and Action Item 102. The Old Globe Theatre Campus Signage and Donor Recognition Program by Charles Daniels, Park Designer, Park and Recreation Department and Consultant: Simon Andrews, Graphic Solutions were moved to consent agenda.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes /Mr. Greene

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Greene to move item 101 to the consent agenda. Vote was unanimous.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Granowitz /Mr. Bussell

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Bussell to move item 102 to the consent agenda. Vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Mr. Smith called for approval of consent agenda. Vote was unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS – No other action items.

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Current Status of the Girl's Club Lease at Memorial Community Park

Ms. LoMedico stated this was only an informational item and no action will be taken today. Mr. Gary D. Jones, Asset Manager, and Patti Phillips, Property Agent of Real Estate Assets Department stated that the Girl's Club facility appeared to be in a state of non-use and that this 50 year lease facility located on 30th Street will be expiring in November of 2008. Mr. Jones provided a brief report and photos of this facility to the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Jones received a letter from Mr. Blevins and will wait for direction from the Park and Recreation Department on what action the Department would like to take.

The Park and Recreation Board members had the following comments and questions:

- Several questions regarding clarification of correspondence and communications were asked between lessee and Real Estate Assets Department.
- Commended City staff for sending out an abandonment notice and would like to support City

- staff for remedy these types of situations.
- When a 50 year term expires what happens next? (Negotiations and nothing will happen without notification.)
- What type of activities, how many children, what is the diversity of activities, and what is the majority of the time used for at this facility? Is this the most effective use of this facility?
- Concerned for the need for a club in this area.
- Requested support for the transition period of changing a facility director.
- Support continuation of month to month agreement (hold over clause) to include a sunset date.
- Request that leases that go out to Request For Proposal (RFP) be added as an agenda item.

To clarify for the Park and Recreation Board Mr. Bingham confirmed with Mr. Jones that Real Estate Assets Department act on the behalf of Park and Recreation Department on lease issues. Mr. Jones confirmed that was correct.

Public Comment:

Mr. Clifton D. Blevins Director of the Girl's Club at Memorial Park expressed his concerns regarding the lease of the Girl's Club.

Ms. Etta Keeler spoke on the past 34 years she served as the Director of the Girl's Club at Memorial Park. Ms. Keeler would like to see this building continue serving the needs of this community such as a State child care facility.

202. Water Conservation Efforts

Mr. Alex Ruiz, Assistant Water Department Director, presented a comprehensive update on water conservation efforts and status of water supply situation. Mr. Ruiz applauded Park and Recreation in their water conservation efforts. Overall reduction for the City is 13.2 percent and has exceeded the 20 gallon water challenge. Currently, the Park and Recreation Department consumes 70% of the City water.

The Park and Recreation Board members had the following comments and questions:

- Concern for new communities that impact existing community's water supply (Water Department is required by State law to do a water supply assessment to ensure water supply is met or require the developer to do an off-set.)
- What is the estimated time length of the water shortage? (Until the end of December 2009, though it could be longer)
- Is the Water Department building water storage areas? (Water Department is increasing reservoir capacity by tying in Lake Hodges into the system.)
- Concerns in allowing too much new development. (Water Department is not a land use agency and deferred to the Mayor's Office and Planning Department for these issues.)

WORKSHOP

STANDING UPDATES

Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) Update – No Update

Mr. Smith dedicated today's meeting to the memory of Mr. John Hodo a forty year employee for the Park and Recreation Department who passed away on June 8, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, November 20, 2008, 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico,
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